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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attorney Docket No.:CLW 2 0148

Serial No.: 10/044,846	Filing Date: November 9, 2001	Examiner: TRAN, T.
Group Art Unit: 1711	Invention: CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIDE, OBTAINED BY CROSSLINKING WITH SUBSTITUTED POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AS SUPERABSORBENT	

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fees have been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	23	Minus	69	-0-	X 18.00	\$ -0-
Indep. Claims	02	Minus	7	-0-	X 84.00	\$ -0-
TOTAL						\$ -0-

- [XX] No additional claim fee is required.
- [XX] Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and request a TWO-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A check in the amount of \$420.00 is attached.
- [XX] Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and request any additional extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the extension of time fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.
- [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on October 24, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A response to the Office Action is due on March 24, 2004 with a two-month (2) extension of time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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